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Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Tashkent hosts forum on tackling human trafficking

Greetings:

In Uzbekistan news this week:

- Combating human trafficking and forced labor in supply chains of companies and public entities was the focus of a forum [organized](#) in Tashkent by the OSCE. The goal of the forum was to examine how countries are **tackling human trafficking in public and private supply chains** and good practices that can be implemented in Uzbekistan.
- Fitch Ratings has [assigned](#) Uzbekistan-based electricity distribution and sales company Regional Electrical Power Networks JSC a **first-time** Long-Term Issuer Default Rating of 'BB-' with Stable Outlook.
- [Opinion column](#) in eJewish Philanthropy: "Traveling to **Uzbekistan** with the Sephardic American Mizrahi Initiative (SAMi) provided the authentic connection to Judaism I was craving. We were provided with a taste of a more undisturbed and genuine sense of what Jewish life was like in Middle Eastern and Central Asian countries for generations prior."

Tweets of the week:



Vladimir Norov ✓
@VladimirNorov

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President Shavkat Mirziyoyev sent condolences to the President of the United States of America Joseph Biden in connection with the numerous victims and serious destruction due to the strong hurricane "Ian" in the southeastern states of the country.




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Javlon Vakhobov ✓ @JavlonVakhobov · Oct 2

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In a meeting w/ [@RepLaHood](#), I was debriefed about his recent visit to [#Uzbekistan](#) along w/ [@RepTrentKelly](#). I couldn't pass up the opportunity to encourage him to co-sponsor the [@HouseFloor](#) HR1913 & HR415 exempting  from the Jackson-Vanik Amendment & reaffirming - relations.





Javlon Vakhabov ✓ @JavlonVakhabov · Oct 5

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Since 1993, more than 1,000 FLEX graduates from [#Uzbekistan](#) have traveled to the United States for exchange. In 2021, we resumed the program and 37 participants were sent by the FLEX to the U.S. this summer.



Javlon Vakhabov ✓ @JavlonVakhabov · Oct 5

So happy to catch up with these incredibly curious, talented, & enthusiastic FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) students from all over [#Uzbekistan](#) who are fortunate to study at high schools in 21 American states, including Hawaii, living with an 🇺🇸 host family for one academic year.





USAID Uzbekistan
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@USAIDUzbekistan helps agribusinesses develop comprehensive value chains. Mission Director Mikaela Meredith visited Sun Side Cooperative in Ferghana to learn about this growing agribusiness. Sun Side's manager shared how participation in USAID training fueled Sun Side's expansion



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Have a good weekend.

Best,

Frank Ahrens

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